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## Torrance Announces Participants of the 2014 Students & Government Day

Torrance, Calif., April 14, 2014 – The City of Torrance has selected participants for the 2014 Students & Government Day. Twenty-one 8th grade students from Torrance middle schools were chosen from over a thousand essays submitted this year. Students were asked to address the prompt, "The foundation of the American political system is citizen participation. Within the City of Torrance, our Mayor's focus has been on active citizen participation through volunteering and helping in our community. This is called "paying it forward." Describe one project that you would develop and complete to "pay it forward" and explain how this would benefit our community."

On Tuesday, May 6, 2014, the selected students from Bert Lynn Middle School, Calle Mayor Middle School, Casimir Middle School, First Lutheran School, Jefferson Middle School, J. H. Hull Middle School, Madrona Middle School, Magruder Middle School, Richardson Middle School, Riviera Hall Lutheran School, St. Catherine Laboure School, and St. James School, will engage in various activities including shadowing the mayor, council members and executive staff in their jobs. The day will culminate at the regularly-scheduled City Council meeting that evening at 7 p.m.; wherein the students, in their respective roles, will conduct some official business for the City live on CitiCABLE 3 (Time Warner)/31 (Verizon).

This year's students include:

Bert Lynn Sophia Carroll

Calle Mayor Mindy Kim

Luc Milburn

Crista Baisley

Casimir Tyler Semple

J.H. Hull Donvie Hur

Therese Rico

Jefferson Jeremy Berry-Cahn

Evan Eguchi

Madrona Megan Neumann

Hailey Alexis Eligon

Magruder Kailene Billy

Jillian Glickman Catherine Phu

Richardson Tyler Jones

Maya Nakano

First Lutheran Daniel Hsieh

Nativity Cherese Bayani

Riviera Hall Matt Abracosa

St. Catherine Laboure Justine Caole

St. James Erin Hall

This is the eighth year the City of Torrance is hosting Students and Government Day. The program hopes to encourage youth participation in community affairs. Since its inception, some of the past program participants have become involved in civic affairs, joined the City's Youth Council or expressed interest in public sector careers.